

Fall Feasts

The ten days of awe

Yom Kippur

Leviticus 23; 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

26 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

This is not the first this is mentioned in scripture
Exodus 30; 10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the
horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of
atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it
throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the Lord.

[Speaking of the ark]

Leviticus 16 ; 5 and following

Numbers 29; 1- 11

* All or the preceding verses give us the directions for physically
going through the motions of observing and keeping Yom Kippur.
These verses tell us that we need to remember and respond to
our sin, (not following God's instructions) by Him giving us
specific directions to do. Generally we accept that afflicting our
souls means to fast, the Hebrew word is עֲנִיּוֹתָם from the root חנך
meaning to humble or lower and even deny.

The time between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur is known as the ten days of awe. This time is spent “getting ready” for the day when the High Priest offers the sacrifice on our behalf. There are Scriptures which reveal there is more to these ten days than that though.

Psalm 27; 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Zephaniah 2; 1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together,
O nation not desired; 2 Before the decree bring forth, before the
day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come
upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought
his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye
shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

2 Peter 3; 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as
some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not
willing that any should perish, but that all should come to
repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the
night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great
noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth
also and the works that are therein shall be burned up

So what does this mean for us???

If we strive to follow His instructions for us we can be confident that He will keep His promises.

John 6; 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

1 Thessalonians 4; 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The coming of the reigning Messiah to collect those who are His on Yom Terruah will usher in the ten days of awe on earth not for repentance this time but the earth will receive the seven bowls of God's wrath.

Careful reading of Revelation chapter 11 reveals that Yom Terruah occurs between the second and third “woe” of the Angel. Then there is a flashback recalling what the Saints have just gone through to set the stage for what happens in Heaven and on earth.

Revelation 15 reveals a sea of “fire and glass” and the saints gathered there praising and worshipping God.

Then the Ark is revealed and the Temple in Heaven opened.....

The ten days of awe begin with the seven bowls of God’s wrath being poured out over the earth and those who remained or were “left behind” the ones who turned away from God.

Revelation 16; 17 Yom Kippur, "IT IS FINISHED" the last bowl of wrath is poured out and the worst earthquake ever flattens the mountains, every island is gone almost nothing is left.

Those who were worshipping on the sea of fire and glass now have 5 days to get themselves ready, to reflect on what they have witnessed and survived while remaining completely faithful to God.

The earth is in complete disarray and chaos, those who remain are either now humble and repentant or completely lost in their rebellion.

Revelation 19; 8, the Saints now dress for the Marriage supper of the lamb. The last rehearsal for the feast of Sukkot.